ARTICLES

To be Enquired of in the

DIOCESS of *CARLILE*

IN THE FOURTH

Episcopal Visitation

OF THE

Right Reverend Father in God

EDWARD

Rainbow

Lord Bishop of *CARLILE*.

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The Tenour of the Oath to be tendred to the Church-Wardens, and Sidemen.

YOU ſhall Swear diligently to Enquire and true Preſentment make of all ſuch defaults and offences, as are by you enquirable and preſentable by the Laws Eccleſiaſtical of this Realm. *So help you God.*

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Tit. I.

Concerning Churches and Chappels, with the Ornaments and Furniture belonging to them.

1. IS your Church or Chappel kept in good repair, within and without, and in such decent manner as becomes the house dedicated to the publick worship of God?

2. HAVE you in your Church or Chappel the requisite Furniture, viz. Bells, Communion-plate, Carpet and Cloths, a Surplice, Pulpit-cloth, and Cushion, with other usual Ornaments carefully kept?

3. HAVE you a large Bible of the last Translation, Book of Common Prayer last set forth, Book of the Homilies set forth by Authority, and other Books required, and which you formerly had. Have you a Register-Book of Parchment, in which are set down the names of all persons Baptized, Married, or Buried; Is there a transcript thereof carried every year into the Bishop's Registry? Have you a Paper-book concerning the names of such strangers as have been admitted to Preach, and made use of it according to Canon 52?

4. HAVE you also a Book of the Church-wardens accounts, and of what stock of Monys belongs to your Church, or the Poor, and how it is raised and disposed of? Have you a Chest for Alms ordered as Canon 84. directs?

Tit. II.

Concerning the Church-yard, the Houses, Glebes, Tithes, Augmentations, &c. belonging to the Ministers.

1. IS your Church-yard sufficiently fenced and preserved from annoyance, incroachments and wasts?

2. IS the dwelling house, and all the Outhouses belonging to the Ministers kept in good repair? And and are the Glebe-lands, Orchards, Gardens, &c. belonging to them preserved from being imbezelled, or endammaged?

3. HAVE you a perfect Tertier of all Glebe-lands, Orchards, Tenements, &c. belonging to your Minister? As also of all Tithes, Pensions, Augmentations and Compositions? And is a true Copy of the said Tertier transmitted into the Bishops Registry, or now ready to be transmitted?

Tit. III.

Concerning Ministers.

1. HAVE you a Parson, Vicar, or Curate legally ordained and setled among you? And who hath subscribed according to Canon 36. and 37? And are there none suffered to Preach, to Catechise, or to administer the Sacraments in your Church or Chappel, who are not licensed as is there required?

2. IS he constantly resident, or how many weeks in the year, or on what occasion is he absent? Hath he a Curate

Curate Licensed to serve in the said Cure, how is he maintained? What care is taken for Hospitality and Charity to the Poor during your Ministers absence? Doth your Minister, or Curate serve any other Cure, then that in his own Parish, and at what distance?

3. DOTH your Minister constantly, reverently and regularly officiate on the Lord's-days, Holidays, and the Eves of them: As also read the Letany on Wednesdays and Fridays weekly; And observe Rogation, and Ember-days, according to the Order of the Church, and perform all Offices without addition or diminution? Are the fifth of November, thirtieth of January, and the nine and twentieth of May, and all days appointed for fasting and humiliation duely observed? Doth he every six Months pubickly denounce all such as continue under the sentence of Excommunication? Have any Excommunicated Persons been received into the Church without a due Certificate of their Absolution?

4. DOTH your Minister diligently instruct the Youth of your Parish in the Church Catechism? And doth he endeavour to reclaim all prophane persons, Papists and Sectaries? doth he press the duties of Faith and Repentance, Justice, Charity, Temperance, Allegiance and Subjection observing his Majesties Declaration set out in the year 1662? Is he deligent in visiting the sick, and satisfying the doubts of troubled Consciences? Lastly he is peaceable, sober, and exemplary in his Conversation, and grave in his Demeanour, Company, Apparel, and Hair.

5. HATH your Minister married any clandestinely, or without Banes duly published, or without a License duly obtained?

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Tit. IV.

Concerning the Parishioners.

1. ARE there in your Parish any who are reputed Heretics, or Schismatics, Papists, or Fanatics, refusing Communion with the Church of England, or such as refuse to pay the Minister his dues?

2. ARE there any in your Parish known, or famed to be guilty of Incest, Adultery, Fornication; Blasphemers of Gods holy name, or word, or guilty of any other notorious Crime? Do any prophane the Lords days, or are irreverent in the Church, or neglect the Sacraments, refuse to send their Children to the Church to be Baptized, or if Baptized in private houses (in case of necessity) to bring them to the Minister in the Church that he may satisfie the Congregation that they were baptized in due form? Do any neglect to send their Children or Servants to be Catechized in the Church? Do any refuse to give thanks in the Church after Child-birth, or to bury their dead according to the Order of the Church?

Tit. V.

Concerning Ecclesiastical Officers, Church-Wardens, Parish Clarks, and Sextons.

1. ARE there any Ecclesiastical Officers in this Diocese who have exacted, or taken any extraordinary Fees, for any Cause or Act, or that have any ways offended against the Ecclesiastical Laws? have any abuses or offences which have been presented been suppressed, or left unpunished? Or hath any

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All been privately sped, and not in open Court, or as the Ecclesiastical Laws require?

2. ARE the Wills and Testaments of the dead in your Parish, or the Administrations of their goods duly executed?

3. Have Licenses for marrying any persons been granted with due Cautions, Security and Oaths taken, according to Canon 102. and 103?

4. Do the Church-Wardens, with the advice and direction of the Minister, provide for the Communion, a sufficient quantity of fine white Bread, and good and wholsom Wine at the charge of the Parish?

5. HAVE the Church-Wardens who served for the last year given up their accounts, and as far as you know or have heard, have they made due presentments of all things, duly presentable by them, and not neglected to do the duty of their Office, as far as you know?

Tit. VI.

Concerning Alms-houses, or Hospitals, Schools, and Schoolmasters, Physicians, Chirurgeons and Midwives.

1. IS there in your Parish any Hospital, Alms-house or School? How are they endowed, ordered and governed?

2. HAVE you any Church stock, or stock for the maintenance of the School, or to be allowed to the Poor? In whose hands is it? Is it well and legally secured, and duly imployed? if not, in whom is the default.

3. IS your Schoolmaster licensed by the Bishop?

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Is he diligent in his Calling: Doth he on the Lords-days, and holydays bring those committed to his charge to the Church; and see that they behave themselves reverently there, and use such gestures, and make such answers, and repetitions as is required: Doth he teach them to answer readily the Catechism of the Church?

4. DO any in your Parish practise Physic, Chirurgery or Midwifery without approbation and license from the Ordinary?

If you know any other default or crime of Ecclesiastical Cognizance you are to present the same.

Advertisements.

1. THe Ministers of every Parish may joyn in presentment with the Church-Wardens, and Side-men, And if they fail to present, the Ministers themselves (being the persons who ought to have the chief care for suppressing of sin and disorder) may and ought to do it.

2. Ministers are required to present Popish Recusants inhabiting or sojourning in their several Parishes. Canon 114.

The Ministers of every Parish are to take notice that the Bishop will be ready to confirm such as are prepared by Catechism, and brought before him at the time of Visitation.

Edward Carlile.